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|  | **Prehistoric** | **Egypt** | **Greece** | **Rome** | **Middle Ages** |
| **Medical Problems** | Pain, infection, disease, bleeding | Pain, infection, disease, bleeding | Pain, infection, disease, bleeding | Pain, infection, disease, bleeding | Pain, infection, disease, bleeding |
| **Who treated illnesses?** | Medicine men, female members of family | Trained doctors | Temple priests and doctors | Trained doctors, temple priests, female members of family | Priests, Doctors and barbers |
| **What did they think caused illness and disease?** | Britons always believed that spirits caused the diseases | Evil spirits and angry Gods | The Gods, an imbalance of the four homours | Gods, witchcraft, curses etc | The 4 homours and the environment |
| **How did they try to prevent and treat illness?** | Plants, Herbs and trepanning | Herbs, basic surgery, charms | People would go to a temple where they would then have an animal sacrificed in front of a statue of Asclepius. Then the person would then wash themselves in water which was rich in salt and minerals, hoping that the Gods would wash away all of the evil and guilt inside of them. After that, the priest would then lead the person into the temple if they were ready to prey before they were taken to sleep on the beds that were covered in the animal skin they sacrificed to the Gods. Snakes would then slide across them and touch them with their tongues. | Herbs, basic surgery, treatment based on opposites, exercise, public health (sewer system and so on). | Different surgeries,  trepanning, bloodletting, cauterization, herbs, charms/spells, prayers. |

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